Purchase of Cloth from Handloom Co-operative Societies.

Q.—2263. Sri H. B. SHAH (Mudhol).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether attempts were made by them to secure all their needs of cloth from handlooms during the last five years ;

(*b*) whether cloth required by them as a rule is forwarded with samples and specifications to Handloom Co-operative Societies in the State with a view to ascertaining whether they are able to supply the same before orders are placed with the mills ; if not, why ?

A.—Smt. LEELAVATHI VENKATESH MAGADI (Deputy Minister for Rural Industries).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. This was being done through Stores Purchase Committee.

*ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಲೀಲಾವತಿ ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಮಾಗಡಿ.—ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಮುಂಬಯಿ, ಮದ್ರಾಸು ಮತ್ತು ಹೈದರಾಬಾದು ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾದಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕೈಮಗ್ಗದ ಬಟ್ಟೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಿತ್ತು. ಹಳೆಯ ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೈಮಗ್ಗದ ಬಟ್ಟೆ ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು.

Sri H. B. SHAH.—How many yards of cloth has the Government purchased from the handloom societies ?

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಲೀಲಾವತಿ ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಮಾಗಡಿ.—ಆ ವಿವರ ನನ್ನಲ್ಲಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri S. D. KOTHAVALE.—May I I know whether any price preference is given while making purchase of handloom cloth, khadi and other articles ?

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಲೀಲಾವತಿ ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಮಾಗಡಿ.—ಈಗ ತಾರೀಖು 15ನೆಯ ಜನವರಿ 1958ರಿಂದ ಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಖಾದಿಯನ್ನೇ ಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡಿರಿಬೇಟ್ ವಗೈರೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದೆ.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—What is the value of the cloth purchased by the Stores Purchase Committee for various purposes ?

Smt. LEELAVATHI VENKATESH MAGADI.—I want notice.

Sri H. B. SHAH.—What percentage of the total requirement of the State in respect of handloom cloth is purchased?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Khadi is not purchased for the Police Department.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಟಿ. ಮುನ್ನಾಳ್.—ಈಗ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಖಾದಿಗೆ ಉತ್ತೇಜನ ಕೊಡುವುದರಿಂದ ಕೈಮಗ್ಗಗಳಿಗೆ ಧಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—We are purchasing both khadi as well as handloom cloth in certain proportions.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ಗದಗ್.—ಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಎಸ್.ಪಿ.ಸಿ.ಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಸಲಹೆ ಅಥವ ಆದೇಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಷ್ಟು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದೆ.

Sri H. B. SHAH.—What are the attempts made by Government last year ?

*Sri MALI MARIAPPA.—If figures are required, it is possible to supply them to the Hon'ble Members, but they are not readily available.

Misappropriation of Municipal Funds in Tumkur Municipality.

Q.—2289 Sri G. N. PUTTANNA (Tumkur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Tumkur Municipal lorry was given to the Lawyers' Conference for work during the year 1955 and that oil and petrol were supplied by the Municipality ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Rs. 70, the amount noted in the cheque, which was given by the Secretary, Lawyers' Conference, to the President of the Municipality has not been credited to the Municipal Fund after the amount was realised ;

(*c*) the report of the Auditors who audited the Municipal accounts in the matter ;

(*d*) whether the Anti-corruption Department made any enquiries in the matter ;

(*e*) if so, the final result of the enquiry ?

A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Government).—

(*a*) Yes, but petrol and oil were paid for by the Secretary to the Conference ;

(*b*) A cheque for Rs. 60-6-0 (and not for Rs. 70) was issued by the

Secretary, Lawyers' Conference. The President of the Municipal Council credited to the Municipal Fund a sum of Rs. 7–13–0 being the hire charges for buntings and chairs supplied by the Municipality to the Conference and the balance of Rs. 52-9-0 to the petrol bunk towards the cost of petrol and oil supplied.

(*c*) The audit report disclosed the irregularity in making payment direct to the petrol bunk without bringing the amount received into the accounts of the Municipal Council.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The enquiry did not reveal any misappropriation of Municipal funds.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಚ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಚೆಕ್ ಯಾವ ತಾರೀಖು ಕ್ಯಾಷ್ ಆಯಿತು ?

*ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸುಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣ್ಯ.—ಅದು ನನ್ನ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಇಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಚ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಅದು ಕ್ರಾಸ್ಡ್ ಚೆಕ್ಕೆ ಅಥವಾ ಆರ್ಡಿನೆರಿ ಚೆಕ್ಕೆ ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—It was not a crossed cheque.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—In whose name was it issued by the Secretary to the Conference ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—In the name of Sri T. P. Krishnappa, President of the Municipality.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಚ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಮುನಿಸಿಪಲ್ ಅಕೌಂಟ್ಸ್‌ಗೆ ರೂ. 7–13–0 ಮತ್ತು ಪೆಟ್ರೋಲ್ ಬಾಬ್ತು ರೂ. 52–9–0, ಯಾವ ತಾರೀಖು ಕ್ರೆಡಿಟ್ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I have no exact information. ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಿಸ್ ಅಪ್ರೋಪ್ರಿಯೇಷನ್ ಇತ್ತೆ ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿದೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ನಮಗೆ ಗ್ರೈಡೆನ್ಸ್ ಆಡಿಟರ ವರದಿ. ಎಫಿಷಿಯೆನ್ಸ್ ಆಡಿಟ್‌ನವರು ನಮಗೆ ವರದಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. There is an irregularity, but there is no misappropriation. Therefore, no action was taken.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಚ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಆಡಿಟ್ ವರದಿ ಬಂದಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೂ, ಚೆಕ್ ಕ್ಯಾಷ್ ಆಗಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೂ ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿನಗಳ ಅಂತರವಿತ್ತು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸುಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣ್ಯ.—ಆಡಿಟ್ ವರದಿ ಬರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂಚೆ ಕ್ಯಾಷ್ ಆಗಿತ್ತು.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—When was the cheque issued and when was it encashed ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅದು ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಆಗಲೇ ಹೇಳಿದರು.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—There is a report of the Efficiency Audit on which my friend is basing his answer. Where is this 'petrol bunk' situated ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I was under the impression that my friend had sufficient wisdom in him to read it as 'petrol'. Sir, I may say that I have got the report of the Special Officer for Efficiency Audit. I do not mind placing it at the disposal of the members and they may go through it. Or if they want the particular date, the efficiency audit does not give the date of the cheque or the date on which it was encashed. I will get the information and give it to them. There is no hide and seek.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Before the efficiency audit or the anti-corruption audit, the irregularity has come to light. In answer to (*c*) it is stated that the audit report disclosed the irregularity. Are they not contradictory ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—The irregularity was noticed by the Municipal Council itself prior to the appointment of the Efficiency Audit. Because they noticed it, a request was made to Government. Then, the matter was referred to Efficiency Audit.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—What is the interval between the date of encashment and the date of remittance to the municipal funds ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I have not got the date. If they want it, I will get it. My friend Sri Mukkannappa seems to feel that I have got the information with me and that I want to save somebody.

Mr. SPEAKER.—After all, such side talk should not be taken notice of.

District Malaria Scheme at Puttur.

Q.—2326. Sri K. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA (Puttur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the period of sanction of the District Malaria Scheme, Puttur, expired ;

(*b*) whether there is a proposal for its continuance ;

(*c*) if so, whether sanction has been accorded and if not, why ?